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SUBJECT: ANGOLA AND DETENTE IN MOSCOW: UK, FRG REPORTS

1. AT POL COUNSELORS' MEETING JANUARY 29, UK HEAD OF CHANCERY MALLABY REPORTED ON RECENT CONVERSATION WITH ROMANIAN EMB FIRST SECRETARY MICU (RESPONSIBLE FOR BALKANS AND EAST-WEST RELATIONS). WHEN MALLABY VENTURED OPINION THAT SOVIETS WOULD PROBABLY CHOOSE TO PAINT ANGOLA AS TRIUMPH FOR SOVIET SUPPORT OF NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AT FEBRUARY PARTY CONGRESS, MICU REPLIED THAT HE WAS NOT SO SURE, SINCE THE ANGOLA STORY WAS NOT YET OVER, AND NO ONE KNEW YET WHAT THE U.S. WOULD DO, "PARTICULARLY
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AFTER THE TOUGH MANNER IN WHICH GROMYKO TALKED TO

SECRETARY KISSINGER" ON THE SUBJECT.

2. AT SAME MEETING, FRG REP VON BRAUNMUEHL REPORTED ON RECENT MEETING BETWEEN FRG AMBASSADOR SAHM AND USA AND CANADA INSTITUTE DEPUTY DIRECTOR V.V. ZHURKIN, WHICH DIRECTOR ARBATOV JOINED. ASKED ABOUT THE SALT-ANGOLA CONNECTION, ZURKIN SAID HE HOPED A SALT AGREEMENT COULD BE ACHIEVED FREE OF ANY SUCH CONNECTION, BUT ADMITTED CONCERN THAT SOME KIND OF "JACKSON AMENDMENT" MIGHT BE ATTACHED TO SALT IN CONSEQUENCE OF ANGOLA. AT THIS POINT ARBATOV HAD INTERJECTED THAT THE SOVIETS HAD NOT IMPOSED A LINK BETWEEN SALT I AND THE MINING OF HAIPHONG HARBOR, AND HOPED NO LINKAGES WOULD BE IMPOSED BY THE U.S. IN THE CASE OF SALT II.

3. COMMENT. MICU WAS PRESUMABLY REFLECTING GROMYKO'S OWN ACCOUNT OF SECRETARY'S VISIT TO CEMA AMBASSADORS JANUARY 26. HIS REMARK, IN ANY CASE, MAY NOT REFLECT MUCH MORE THAN A ROMANIAN PREFERENCE FOR A TOUGH U.S. STANCE WITH THE SOVIETS, AND ZHURKIN EXPRESSED CONCERN TO THE BRITISH LEST ANGOLA COMPLICATE THE SALT RATIFICATION PROCESS EARLIER THIS MONTH (MOSCOW 0405), SO THAT NEITHER ANECDOTE CONSTITUTES A SIGNIFICANT NEW DATUM. NEVERTHELESS, ARBATOV'S CHOICE OF THE HAIPHONG PARALLEL, TOGETHER WITH THESE OTHER REMARKS, POINTS TO THE CONTINUING EXISTENCE WITHIN THE SOVIET ESTABLISHMENT OF A CURRENT OF OPINION ON ANGOLA WHICH IS SENSITIVE TO THE "DETENTE CONNECTION."
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